

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ಈಗತಾನೇ ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ, ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯುವ ಸೂಚನೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ. ಯಾರು ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯುವ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ತಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರ ಸೂಚನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅವರು ಒಂದು ವಿವರಣೆ ಕೇಳಬಹುದು ಎಂದೂ. ಅದನ್ನು the entire house has agreed. We have agreed to it. We have no second thought about it. ಅದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಆದರೆ...

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—If things are raised like this giving a go-by to earlier understandings, the rule will have to be strictly adhered to.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ವಿವರಣೆ ಕೇಳತಕ್ಕ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ವಿವರಣೆ ಕೇಳಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುದು it all depends on the gravity of the matter, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಕಳಕಳಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಅಥವಾ ಮೂರು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಬಂದಾಗ ಅದಕ್ಕೂ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಒಂದು ವಿವರಣೆ ಕೇಳಬಹುದು ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು Generally we accept. But exceptions have to be there depending on the merits of each case.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I can understand the anxiety. I have followed the statement of the hon. Chief Minister. The most important thing is whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to suppress certain things. It is clear that they do not want to suppress. That being the intention, why should the hon. member impute so many things and why should I allow clarifications?

(iii) *re : Bus accident near Galatga.*

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Transport and Housing to the bus accident near Galatga village in Chikodi taluk.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Transport and Housing).—I beg to state as follows :—

1. On 2nd April 1974 Vehicle No. MYF 2062 of Chikodi Depot, Belgaum Division, while plying on the route Bhoj-Chikodi met with fatal accident near Bhoj Cross at about 08.15 hrs.

2. It is reported that the bus after having taken passengers from Galatga village, about two miles away, while negotiating a slight curve to the right side, the driver who was reported to have been apparently driving very fast, lost control over the vehicle and as a result, the vehicle went to the left side where there was a ditch and rolled over side-ways 3 or 4 times and finally came to rest on its right side at a distance from the Main Road. There was no mechanical defect in the vehicle.

3. The scene of accident is on the road running from east to west from Chikodi to Nipani via Nej near the KM stone No. 9/6. At this spot tar-road portion has 11 feet width having 5 feet wide katcha road on either side. On the northern side of the road there

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is an open space. Near the spot of accident road is having a sharp curve. The K.S.R.T.C. Bus No. MYF 2062 was lying on its right side facing north at a distance of 46 feet from the northern edge of the tar road. The window glasses of the right side were completely smashed, and the pieces or glasses had spread east-ward over an area of 42 feet width. The glasses of the wind-screen also were broken. The carrier on the top of the bus was damaged and broken pieces were scattered. The poles inside the bus which support the roof and the window bars had come out and have fallen at random. The luggage of the passengers was also scattered.

4. As there was a fair at Mangasuli there was a rash of passengers and the bus was fully packed with passengers. While negotiating a sharp curve the accident has occurred. The driver of the bus was also injured and is admitted to the Civil Hospital for treatment. He has subsequently been arrested and released on bail.

5. On receipt of the message, the Deputy General Manager, Divisional Controller and Divisional Traffic Officer visited the spot of the accident.

6. It is ascertained that one passenger died on the spot. 45 passengers including the driver and conductor sustained injuries. One of them died on the way to Chikodi where they were moved for medical attention. Another injured person died on arrival at the Government Hospital at Chikodi. The driver of the bus and 14 others whose injuries were of a severe nature were removed to the Civil Hospital, Belgaum for further treatment. It is reported that in all seven persons succumbed to their injuries. The other injured persons in the Hospital both at Belgaum and Chikodi are recovering.

7. Out of the 13 injured persons in Belgaum Hospital 9 have been discharged and 4 persons are still in the hospital. Some of the injured persons admitted in Chikodi Hospital have been discharged after necessary treatment.

8. The Divisional Controller, Belgaum has made Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 1,200 for families of 4 dead passengers at Rs. 300 each. As regards the 5th person who died in Belgaum the family of the deceased will be paid ex-gratia. A sum of Rs. 4,871 has been paid to the passengers who were injured and admitted to the Hospital at Chikodi and Belgaum.

9. The vehicle has sustained heavy damages and is under repairs at the Divisional Workshop, Belgaum.

10. Further progress of the injured persons in the Hospital both at Chikodi and Belgaum is being watched and the Divisional Controller, Belgaum Division, has been instructed to visit the Hospital daily to know their progress and also welfare. The Police have registered a case and is under investigation. Departmental enquiry is also being conducted.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know what was the capacity of the bus and how many passengers were there?

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—Usually the capacity is 48 to 53.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—For deceased persons you have paid Rs. 300 as ex-gratia amount while for 13 persons who are in hospital for treatment you have paid Rs. 4,871. Is this amount not much more than what has been given to deceased persons?

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—To save the people we have to spend more.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಅಮ್ಮಣ್ಣವರ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿದುದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಸಮಾಚಾರದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ಅನೇಕ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳೂ ಕೂಡ ಆ ಬಸ್ ನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರು. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಏನಾದರೂ ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ 14 ಜನ ತೀವ್ರ ಗಾಯಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇನ್ನೂ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಜನಕ್ಕೆ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಖೋಟಾ ಅನ್ನುವ ವಕೀಲರು ಒಬ್ಬರು ಇದ್ದರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಇದ್ದಾಗ ಅವರ ಹತ್ತಿರ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾರೂ ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಮತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಕ್ತರ ಯಾರೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರು ಕೂಡ ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರ ದುಡ್ಡಿನ ಚೀಲ ಮಾಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇವೆಲ್ಲಾ ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ? ಆ ಬಸ್ಸಿನ ಕೆಪಾಟಿ 48 ಇರುವಾಗ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ 75 ಜನ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ? ಮತ್ತು ಆ ಬಸ್ಸಿನ ಡ್ರೈವರ್ ಕುಡಿದಿದ್ದ ಎನ್ನುವ ವರ್ತಮಾನ ನನಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ, ಅದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಏನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ರಂಗನಾಥ್.—ಆ ಬಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಯರು ಇದ್ದರೂ ಇರಬಹುದು. ಆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇನ್ನೊಬ್ಬರು ವಕೀಲರ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಖೋಟಾ ಅನ್ನುವವರ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಆಲ್ಟಿಗ ನರ್ಕಾರೀ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೋ ಅದನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know the names of the deceased persons?

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—The following are the Five persons who died:

- 1 Pundalik Hanumanth Jadhav.
- 2 Pundalik Datta.
- Basavanappa.
- 4 Lagna Lakshmana Pujari.
- 5 Maruthi.